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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: IMPROVED COOPERATION WITH THE GOJ

1. YOU ARE AWARE OF THE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PACKAGES WHICH WE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING FOR JAMAICA. A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO INCLUDE DOLS 10 MILLION IN SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE FOR JAMAICA IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL FY 1978 BUDGET REQUEST THE PRESIDENT IS SENDING TO THE CONGRESS ON TUESDAY.

2. GIVEN THE AMOUNT INVOLVED, RELATED TO THE NEED, WE VIEW THIS ONLY AS A POSSIBLE FIRST STEP IN OPENING A NEW CO-OPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOJ. WE WOULD NOT NECES-SARILY ANTICIPATE THE PRECEDING QUID PRO QUOS ENVISIONED WITH THE LARGER PACKAGES CONSIDERED EARLIER. THE FINAL FY 1978 TOTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MIGHT OF COURSE HAVE A DIFFERENT SCOPE, DEPENDING UPON APPROPRIATIONS AND CIR-CONFIDENTIAL

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CUMSTANCES AT THE TIME THAT MIGHT CALL FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE. ANY LARGER PACKAGE WOULD OF COURSE BE DEPENDENT ON A SATISFACTORY POLITICAL UNDERSTANDING WITH US AND COOPERATION WITH THE IMF.

3. WE ANTICIPATE THAT KNOWLEDGE OF OUR REQUEST FOR SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE FOR JAMAICA WILL BECOME PUBLIC

EARLY NEXT WEEK. WE PLAN TO CALL IN AMBASSADOR RATTRAY
MONDAY OR TUESDAY TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN IMPROVE COOPERATION AND
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. WE BELIEVE
THIS IS ALSO THE GOJ VIEW.

B. CLEARLY, WE WILL HAVE TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS AND
MODALITIES IN SOME DETAIL BEFORE WE CAN REALIZE THE
IMPROVED COOPERATION WE BOTH SEEK.

C. RECOGNIZING JAMAICA'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, WE SEE A
POSSIBLE REQUIREMENT FOR ASSISTANCE. IN ORDER TO POSITION
OURSELVES TO BE HELPFUL, WE ARE MAKING BUDGETARY PROVI-
SIONS NOW, EVEN THOUGH IT IS STILL UNCERTAIN HOW WE CAN
BEST RELATE TO JAMAICA'S FUTURE PLANS AND NEEDS.

D. WE HAVE THEREFORE INCLUDED IN OUR BUDGETARY REQUEST
DOLS 10 MILLION FOR SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE FOR JAMAICA
FOR FY 1978. WE REGARD THIS AS CONTINGENCY PLANNING
AND EXPECT TO DISCUSS FULLY WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT
YOUR VIEWS AND REQUIREMENTS BEFORE MAKING ANY FIRM
DECISIONS ABOUT OUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

E. THE CONGRESS WILL CONSIDER THE BUDGET DURING THE
NEXT MONTHS AND UNTIL APPROPRIATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE WE
WILL NOT BE IN A POSITION TO KNOW THE EXACT COMPOSITION
OF OUR PROGRAMS FOR FY 1978.

4. YOU SHOULD MAKE THE ABOVE POINTS TO APPROPRIATE GOJ
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